

II. REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the required fees.

Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending.

At this time, claim 1 is amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification and claims are originally filed. For example, Applicants have amended claim 1 to replace the phrase “consisting essentially of” with the phrase “consisting of.” Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

Claims 1 and 3-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kruecke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,080,799), in view of Moore et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,658,962). Applicants traverse the rejection.

In addition to the arguments presented in the Response filed on May 15, 2008, Applicants submit that the presently claimed invention, in particular, a “foaming agent composition for polymeric foams consisting of” the recited components is not taught or suggested by Kruecke et al. and Moore et al. (claim 1) (emphasis added).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kruecke et al., in view of Moore et al.

III. **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. **108910-00121**.

Respectfully submitted,



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